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1. In April 1953 a total of 33,097,041 kg of various goods was trans-
ported into and out of Czechoslovakia via the border stations Jar-
scheff (P49/S70) and Devinska Nova Ves (P49/X89). Of this quan-
tity 29,398,050 kg were shipped into Czechoslovakia and 3,698,991 kg
out of Czechoslovakia. The following goods were involved:

Metals	288,537kg, of this	288,537kg in	15 carloads
Finished metal goods	74,698kg, of this	74,698kg in	9 carloads
Chemicals & techni- cal materials	1,907,178kg, of this	1,907,178kg in	162 carloads
Liquid fuels	26,680,974kg, of this	26,680,974kg in	1,354 carloads
Lumber	1,551,485kg, of this	1,551,485kg in	96 carloads
Textile goods and raw materials	350,514kg, of this	350,514kg in	46 carloads
Food items	1,938,104kg, of this	1,938,104kg in	145 carloads
Miscellaneous goods	306,292kg, of this	306,292kg in	28 carloads
Total	33,097,782kg, of this	33,097,041kg in	1,856 carloads

2. Of the 29,398,791 kg shipped into Czechoslovakia via Jar-
scheff/Devinska Nova Ves in April 1953, imports to Czechoslovakia amounted to
1,894,319 kg. Of the remainder, 288,537 kg went in transit to Hun-
gary and 26,680,974 kg to Poland or via Poland to the USSR. The fol-
lowing goods were concerned:

Metals	288,537kg, of this	288,537kg in	15 carloads
Finished metal goods	62,055kg, of this	61,845kg in	7 carloads
Chemicals & techni- cal materials	436,027kg, of this	436,027kg in	27 carloads
Liquid fuels	26,680,974kg, of this	26,680,974kg in	1,354 carloads
Textile goods and raw materials	333,780kg, of this	333,780kg in	44 carloads
Food items	1,582,730kg, of this	1,582,730kg in	121 carloads
Miscellaneous goods	14,680kg, of this	14,157kg in	3 carloads
Total	29,398,791kg, of this	29,398,050kg in	1,571 carloads

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These goods were imported from the following countries:²

Austria ³	1,896,580 kg, of this	1,896,370 kg in	134 carloads
Soviet Army in Austria	26,680,974 kg, of this	26,680,974 kg in	1,354 carloads
Italy	736,102 kg, of this	735,571 kg in	77 carloads
Switzerland	85,135 kg, of this	85,135 kg in	6 carloads
Total	29,398,791 kg, of this	29,398,050 kg in	1,571 carloads

3. Imports to Czechoslovakia. The 1,894,319 kg of imports to Czechoslovakia were broken down as follows:

Finished metal goods	42,374 kg, of this	41,174 kg in	5 carloads
Chemical products	80,327 kg, of this	80,327 kg in	6 carloads
Textile raw materials	323,635 kg, of this	323,635 kg in	43 carloads
Food items	1,433,295 kg, of this	1,433,295 kg in	111 carloads
Miscellaneous goods	14,688 kg, of this	14,157 kg in	3 carloads
Total	1,894,319 kg, of this	1,893,578 kg in	168 carloads

The following goods were imported:

a. Finished Metal Goods

42,374 kg

of which came from:

Austria	41,174 kg
Italy	1,200 kg

(1) Parts of RR Freight Cars 210 kg
 Dispatch station: Strasshof (P49/S50)
 Destination: Trnava 4 P49/T22)

(2) Pair of Wheels⁵ 1,200 kg
 transported in one RR freight car
 Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
 Destination: Trnava

(3) Assembling Tools 2,844 kg
 transported in one RR freight car
 Dispatch station: Vienna X, Ostbahnhof
 Destination: Cierna nad Tisou (P49/B90)⁶

(4) Ironware 36,763 kg
 29 parcels contained in two RR freight cars
 Dispatch station: Vienna II, Praterkai
 Destination: Topolcany (P49/T64)

(5) Umbrella Struts (Schirmschienen) 1,357 kg
 10 boxes contained in one RR freight car
 Dispatch station: Vienna XV, Westbahnhof
 Destination: Bratislava, station unspecified

b. Chemical Products

80,327 kg

of which came from Austria 5,337 kg
 Switzerland 74,990 kg

(1) Synthetic Urea 79,990 kg
 contained in five RR freight cars
 Dispatch station: Buchs-St. Gallen
 Destination: Zilina (G50/C92)

(2) Impregnated Chemicals 5,337 kg
 contained in one RR freight car
 Dispatch station: Arnoldstein, Carinthia
 Destination: Devinaka Nova Ves

c. Textile Raw Materials

323,635 kg

of which came from:

Austria	7,091 kg
Italy	316,544 kg

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- (1) Raw Cotton 316,544 kg
1,516 bales transported in 41 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Rybar Pole (050/099)

- (2) Rayon Clin 2,082 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Vienna II, Nordbahnhof
Destination: Zilina

- (3) Cotton Textures 5,009 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Vienna X, Ostbahnhof
Destination: Devinska Nova Ves

d. Food Items 1,433,295 kg

of which came from Austria 1,040,302 kg
Italy 392,993 kg

- (1) Lemons 1,040,302 kg
transported in 79 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Vienna X, Matzleinsdorf 774,832 kg
Arnoldstein, Carinthia 65,470 kg
Tarvisio, Italy 363,493 kg
Destination: Devinska Nova Ves

- (2) Cauliflower 29,400 kg
transported in four RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Tarvisio
Destination: Devinska Nova Ves

e. Miscellaneous Goods 14,688 kg

of which came from Austria 694 kg
Italy 13,994 kg

- (1) Alfalfa 7,491 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Nitra (P49/T62)

- (2) Personal Belongings 531 kg
contained in nine parcels

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Cierna nad Tisou⁶

- (3) Empty Bags 5,972 kg
293 parcels shipped in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Trnava

- (4) Empty Wooden Cases 694 kg
60 pieces contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Vienna XV, Westbahnhof
Destination: Bratislava

4. Imports to Hungary. The total of 812,127 kg of goods shipped in transit via Devinska Nova Ves to Hungary, consisted of the following items:

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Metals	288,537 kg in 15 carloads
Finished metal goods	8,310 kg in 1 carload
Technical materials	355,700 kg in 21 carloads
Textile materials	10,145 kg in 1 carload
Food items	149,435 kg in 10 carloads
Total	812,127 kg in 48 carloads

Of this quantity 801,982 kg came from Austria, and 10,145 kg from Switzerland.
The following goods were shipped:

- a. Metals 288,537 kg
the total quantity coming from Austria

- (1) Puddle Bar Iron (Roheisen in Zuggeln) 121,500 kg
transported in six RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Linz (N49/V88), Upper Austria
Destination: Bannréve (R49/D50)

- (2) Steel in Rods 65,821 kg
contained in 1,282 bundles, transported in four
RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Murzzuschlag (O48/W92), Styria
Destination: Bannréve

- (3) Rolled Steel Wire (Stahlwalzdraht) 101,216 kg
1,521 rings contained in five RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Donawitz (O48/B59), Styria
Destination: Bannréve

- b. Finished Metal Goods: Electric Material 8,310 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Vienna XX, Nordwestbahnhof
Destination: Szatlinváros

- c. Technical Materials: Magnesite Bricks 355,700 kg
contained in 21 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Ferndorf, Carinthia 265,200 kg
Trieben (O48/B09) 90,500 kg
Destination: Oed (Q49/J59) 167,100 kg
Dölskyör (R49/J87) 87,600 kg
Szatlinváros 101,000 kg

- d. Textile Materials: Woolen Rags 10,145 kg
shipped in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Buchs-St. Gallen, Switzerland
Destination: Szob (Q48/H46)

- e. Food Items: Peeled Millet 149,435 kg
contained in 10 RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Vienna, Ostbahnhof
Destination: Szob 104,655 kg
Bannréve 44,780 kg

5. Imports to Poland. The 26,692,345 kg shipped via Devinska Nová Ves to Poland consisted of 11,371 kg of finished metal goods, contained in one RR freight car, and 26,680,974 kg of liquid fuels, contained in 1,355 RR tank cars the capacity of which ranged between 9,000 and 45,000 kg. The metal goods were imported from Italy, the fuels were delivered by the Soviet Oil Administration in Austria.

- a. Finished Metal Goods: Machine Parts 11,371 kg

Dispatch station: Tarvisio, Italy
Destination: Zbrazdowice (Q50/O79)

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b. Liquid Fuels

26,680,974 kg

- (1) Crude Oil 17,007,584 kg
contained in 1,054 RR tank cars

Dispatch station: Trzebinia (051/X95) 16,007,394 kg (989 carloads)
Jedlicze (R50/Z64) 1,000,190 kg (65 carloads)

- (2) Gas Oil 4,456,700 kg
contained in 137 RR tank cars

Dispatch station: Lobau-Harbor 4,147,050 kg (121 carloads)
Moosbierbaum (049/S00) 309,650 kg (16 carloads)
Destination: Slawecice (coord. ukn.) 2,892,860 kg (85 carloads)
Dstrzyki Dolne USSR 1,136,010 kg (32 carloads)
Wroclaw (P52/G/1) 367,830 kg (20 carloads)

- (3) Petroleum 2,749,020 kg
contained in 93 RR tank cars

Dispatch station: Lobau-Harbor
Destination: Bierawa (coord. ukn.)

- (4) Gasoline 2,467,670 kg
contained in 80 RR tank cars

Dispatch station: Lobau-Harbor 2,417,500 kg (45 carloads)
Moosbierbaum 1,050,170 kg (35 carloads)
Destination: Warszawa 1,050,170 kg (35 carloads)
Limanowa (R50/Y85) 721,070 kg (19 carloads)
Kozle (P51/X98) 696,430 kg (26 carloads)

6. Apart from the above shipments of goods, 17 empty tank cars - partly earmarked for repair, partly for refilling - crossed the Slovak border from Marchegg to Devinska Nova Ves:

from Lobau-Harbor	to Dzialdowice (050/X89)	5 cars
Tarvisio, Italy	Poznan, Poland	6 cars
Tarvisio, Italy	Jedlicze	3 cars
Lobau-Harbor	Garnolesie, Poland	1 car
Lobau-Harbor	Warsaw, Poland	1 car
Lobau-Harbor	Theresehradiste (P50/X09)	1 car

7. Of the 3,698,991 kg shipped out of Czechoslovakia via Devinska Nova Ves/Marchegg in April 1953, 3,553,490 kg were exports from Czechoslovakia. The remainder of 145,501 kg came from Hungary. The following goods were involved:

Finished metal goods	12,643 kg in 2 carloads
Chemical products	1,471,151 kg in 135 carloads
Lumber	1,351,485 kg in 96 carloads
Textile goods	16,734 kg in 2 carloads
Food items	355,374 kg in 25 carloads
Miscellaneous goods	291,604 kg in 25 carloads
Total	3,698,991 kg in 285 carloads

These goods were consigned to the following countries:

Austria	317,890 kg in 25 carloads
Switzerland	639,580 kg in 45 carloads
Italy	1,710,964 kg in 147 carloads
Trieste	1,000,557 kg in 65 carloads
Unknown	30,000 kg in 1 carload
Total	3,698,991 kg in 285 carloads

8. Exports from Czechoslovakia. The 3,553,490 kg exported from Czechoslovakia were made up of the following items:

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Finished metal goods	12,643 kg in 2 carloads
Chemical products	1,360,090 kg in 128 carloads
Textile goods	16,734 kg in 2 carloads
Lumber	1,551,485 kg in 96 carloads
Food items	330,108 kg in 23 carloads
Miscellaneous goods	<u>282,430 kg in 24 carloads</u>
Total	3,553,490 kg in 275 carloads

These goods were consigned to the following countries:

Austria	236,829 kg in 20 carloads
Switzerland	575,140 kg in 40 carloads
Italy	1,710,964 kg in 147 carloads
Trieste	1,000,557 kg in 65 carloads
Unknown	<u>30,000 kg in 3 carloads</u>
Total	3,553,490 kg in 275 carloads

The following goods were exported:

- a. Finished Metal Goods 12,643 kg
- (1) Pair of Wheels⁵ 1,200 kg
contained in one RR freight car
- Dispatch station: Trnava
Destination: Tarvisio
- (2) Enameled Castiron Tubs 11,443 kg
contained in one RR freight car
- Dispatch station: Bratislava, station unspecified
Destination: Funtio Franco Porto Vecchio, Trieste
- b. Chemical Products 1,360,090 kg
contained in 128 RR freight cars
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| Consigned to Austria | 55,000 kg |
| Switzerland | 140,000 kg |
| Italy | 1,135,090 kg |
| Unknown | 30,000 kg |
- (1) Calcined Magnesia 510,000 kg
contained in 47 RR freight cars
- Dispatch station: Jelšava (Q49/054)
Destination: Pontebba, Italy
- (2) Charcoal 692,700 kg
contained in 70 RR freight cars
- Dispatch station: Hmústa (Q49/D33)
Destination: Pontebba, Italy 572,700 kg (58 carloads)
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| Duchs, Switzerland | 50,000 kg (5 carloads) |
| Vienna XXI- | |
| Floridsdorf | 40,000 kg (4 carloads) |
| Konkordiahütte (sic) | 30,000 kg (3 carloads) |
- (3) Cellulose 37,390 kg
contained in two RR freight cars
- Dispatch station: Martin (Q49/C27)
Destination: Tarvisio, Italy
- (4) Coal Tar 15,000 kg
contained in one RR freight car
- Dispatch station: Hmústa
Destination: Genova, Italy

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- (5) Dried Starch 90,000 kg
contained in six RR freight cars
Dispatch station: Boleraž²⁵ (P49/T13)
Destination: Au bei Zürich, Switzerland
- (6) Bleaching Agent in Powder Form 15,000 kg
contained in two RR freight cars
Dispatch station: Bratislava, station unspecified
Destination: Linz an der Donau 5,000 kg
Vienna-Floridsdorf 10,000 kg
- c. Lumber 1,551,485 kg
contained in 96 RR freight cars
- (1) Cut Lumber 1,439,175 kg
shipped in 89 RR freight cars
Dispatch station: numerous stations in Slovakia
Destination: P. Franco Porto Vecchio Trieste 857,350 kg (52 carloads)
Montebba, Italy 552,025 kg (35 carloads)
St. Margarethen, Switzerland 29,800 kg (2 carloads)
- (2) Beechwood Chips 112,310 kg
shipped in seven RR freight cars
Dispatch station: various stations in Slovakia
Destination: St. Margarethen
- d. Textile Goods: Cotton Fabrics 16,737 kg
contained in two RR freight cars
Dispatch station: Devínska Nová Ves
Destination: P. Franco Porto Vecchio Trieste 11,725 kg
Vienna X, Matzleinsdorf 5,009 kg
- e. Food Items 330,108 kg
contained in 23 RR freight cars
- (1) Fresh Vegetables 12,140 kg
contained in one RR freight car
Dispatch station: Košice (R49/E34)
Destination: Vienna XX, Nordwestbahnhof
- (2) Malt 289,680 kg
contained in 19 RR freight cars
Dispatch station: Trnava
Destination: Buchs-St. Gallen
- (3) Sheep Cheese 13,088 kg
contained in two RR freight cars
Dispatch station: Zvoleň (Q49/G74) 6,129 kg
Vigláš (Q49/G83) 6,959 kg
Destination: Vienna X, Ostbahnhof
- (4) Dried Egg Yolks 15,200 kg
contained in one RR freight car
Dispatch station: Cifer (P49/T21)
Destination: Tarvisio, Italy

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f. Miscellaneous Goods 282,430 kg
contained in 24 RR freight cars

Consigned to:

Austria	151,592 kg
Switzerland	3,350 kg
Italy	7,449 kg
Trieste	120,039 kg

(1) Plain Glass 137,709 kg
contained in eight RR freight cars

Dispatch station:	Citice (N51/P47)	120,369 kg (7 carloads)
	Olovi (N51/P49)	17,340 kg (1 carload)
Destination:	Vienna, Ostbahnhof	

(2) Hollow Glassware 33,510 kg
contained in six RR freight cars

Dispatch station:	Lednické Rovné (P50/O60)	19,848 kg
	Utekáč (Q49/D24)	7,449 kg
	Strieborná (Q49/D02)	6,213 kg
Destination:	Vienna, station unsp.	13,883 kg
	Trieste, P.P.P.V. ²⁰	3,828 kg
	Milano, Italy	7,449 kg
	Zurich, Switzerland	3,350 kg

(3) Paper 111,211 kg
contained in 10 RR freight cars

Dispatch station:	Bratislava, Južné nádražie
Destination:	Trieste, P.P.P.V.

9. Exports from Hungary. The 145,501 kg shipped in transit via Czechoslovakia from Hungary to Austria, were broken down as follows:

Minerals and chemicals	111,061 kg in 7 carloads
Food items	25,266 kg in 2 carloads
Miscellaneous goods	9,174 kg in 1 carload
Total	145,501 kg in 10 carloads

Of this quantity 81,061 kg were consigned to Austria and 64,440 kg to Switzerland. The following goods were exported:

a. Minerals and Chemicals 111,061 kg
contained in seven RR freight cars

(1) Saltpeter 21,061 kg
shipped in one RR freight car

Dispatch station:	Nagytetény (coord. ukn.)
Destination:	Innsbruck (N48/E70), Tyrol

(2) Sebacic Acid 60,000 kg
shipped in four RR freight cars

Dispatch station:	Budapest-Rákospalota
Destination:	Arnoldsteir

(3) Wheat Starch 30,000 kg
shipped in two RR freight cars

Dispatch station:	Budapest
Destination:	Buchs-St. Gallen, Switzerland

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b. Food Items: Dried Peas 25,266 kp
contained in two RR freight cars

Dispatch station: Budapest
Destination: Sr. Margarethen, Switzerland

c. Miscellaneous Goods: Collective Consignments 9,174 kg
contained in one RR freight car

Dispatch station: Budapest
Destination: Buchs-St. Gallen

10. Apart from the above shipments of goods, 1,516 empty tank cars, returning from Poland and Czechoslovakia to Austria to be refilled, passed the border stations of Devínska Nová Ves/Marchegg during April 1953. These cars were dispatched from the following stations:

Poland:	Trzebinia	1,096 cars
	Groclaw	136 cars
	Kawa Sol	66 cars
	Garnolesie	54 cars
	Bierawa	34 cars
	Slawecice	30 cars
	Okecie	23 cars
	Gratńsk	22 cars
	Kozle	21 cars
	Kluczbork	14 cars
	Limanowa	10 cars
	Chalupki	2 cars
	Swójcice	1 car
Czechoslovakia:	Střrovo	3 cars
	Bratislava	2 cars
	Brno	1 car
Hungary:	Budapest	1 car

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. West-East shipments to Czechoslovakia via Marchegg dropped to about the February level in April 1953. The volume of East-West shipments during the same period was cut about one third.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The name of the country in which the dispatch station of a shipment is located does not necessarily mean the place of production.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The percentage of USIA products is unknown.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. In Trnava there are large repair shops and material depots of the Czechoslovak State Railroads.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. This pair of wheels (judging by the weight probably locomotive wheels) crossed the border at Marchegg on 19 April 1953. Another pair of such wheels was shipped from Trnava to Tarvisio two weeks earlier, crossing the border on 3 April. It may be assured that the latter pair was sent to Italy for repair or exchange.

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7. Comment. Probably in transit to the USSR. Čierna nad Tisou (formerly Čierna pri Čope) is the border station on the RR line Košice-Berehovo (Ukraine).

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